

Amendments to the Claims:

Status of Claims:

Claims 1, 4, 6-11 and 14-19 are pending for examination.

Claims 16-19 are added by the present amendment.

Claim 2, 3, 5 and 13 are canceled by the present amendment.

Claims 1, 11, 14, and 15 are in independent form.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating message notification for an electronic communication device comprising:

first means for organizing individual messages received via said electronic communication device according to individual users of said device and providing a signal in response thereto; and

second means for automatically enabling said individual users to visually distinguish said individual messages based on said signal, where each of said individual messages is shown in a notification band that is visually distinct for each of said individual users;
and

wherein said second means further includes means for converting said individual messages into text messages and scrolling said text messages in said notification bands using text characteristics that are visually distinct for each intended recipient of said individual messages.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1 ~~[[3]]~~ wherein said text differs in color or font based on an intended recipient of said messages or message.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1 ~~[[5]]~~ wherein said visually distinguishable notification bands differ by color, each notification band being associated with a predetermined color assigned to a specific user.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1 ~~[[5]]~~ wherein said visually distinguishable notification bands differ by graphical pattern.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1 ~~[[2]]~~ further including third means for sensing when one of said individual users enters a room in which said system is installed and providing an enable signal in response thereto.

9. (Original) The system of Claim 8 further including fifth means for automatically activating said second means based on said enable signal.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 9 wherein said sensor includes a motion sensor or a light sensor.

11. (Currently Amended) A modular convergence device that efficiently notifies multiple users of pending messages comprising:

first means for receiving messages associated with one or more addressees;

second means for displaying message ~~notifications~~ notification bands corresponding to said messages, each of said message ~~notifications~~ notification bands being visually distinguishable according to addressee;

and

third means for displaying content of said messages in said message ~~notifications~~ notification bands; and

fourth means for customizing characteristics of text of said messages according to color graphic pattern, personalized for each of said multiple users.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating message notification for an electronic communications device comprising:

first means for organizing individual messages received via said electronic communications device according to individual users of said device and providing a signal in response thereto; ~~and~~

second means for automatically enabling said individual users to visually distinguish said individual messages based on said signal via customized message notification bands, each of said notification bands using ~~having~~ different colors ~~or~~ and graphics for each of said different individual users; and

wherein each of said individual messages scrolls in said notification bands having text characteristics that are visually distinct for each of said different individual users.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating message notification for an electronic communications device comprising the steps of:

organizing individual messages received via said electronic communications device according to individual users of said device and providing a signal in response thereto; ~~and~~

automatically enabling said individual users to visually distinguish said individual messages based on said signal;

displaying each of said individual messages in a notification band that is visually distinct for each of said individual users; and

scrolling said text messages in said notification bands using text characteristics that are visually distinct for each of said various individual users.

16. (New) The system of Claim 14 further including third means for sensing when one of said individual users enters a room in which said system is installed and providing an enable signal in response thereto.

17. (New) The system of Claim 16 further including fourth means for automatically activating said second means based on said enable signal.

18. (New) The method of Claim 15 further including sensing when one of said individual users enters a room in which said device is installed and providing an enable signal in response thereto.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18 further including automatically activating said automatic enabling based on said enable signal.